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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Application No.: 10/724,403

Group Art Unit: 2826

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Title: SUBSTRATE, METHOD OF PREPARING A SUBSTRATE, METHOD OF MEASUREMENT, LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY, AND MACHINE-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an amended drawing figure is attached following page 9 of this paper.